



Kia ora koutou,

The Vaccination Mandate for the Education sector has been new territory for our communities. While its aim is to protect our students from catching Covid-19 as much as possible, it does have some ongoing implications for how schools operate.

If your child is 12 years or over, because they are eligible to be vaccinated, from the 1st November we need to keep a record of those students who have and haven't received doses. The information is kept in the same way we keep all other vaccination records and parents of affected students will receive an email about the information needed.

Another very significant change is that anyone who is interacting with our children or present when children are around must be vaccinated with at least their first dose by the 15th

November and their second by the 1st January 2022. This includes parents and caregivers who are volunteering as helpers in class, at the pool, on camps etc. We, as a school, are required to keep a register of each parent helpers' vaccination status too. Vaccination is not required for attending school events, learning conferences or for pick-up or drop-off. Under Alert Level 2 we continue to ask that parents and caregivers wear masks for pick up and drop off when social distancing is difficult.

Whether or not we agree with these new procedures, they have been given to us by those in leadership over us and so we need to support one another and work together, in love, regardless of our personal viewpoints. Unity will be our witness to the wider community.

*Ka manaaki te Atua ia koe me to whānau.*

God bless you and your family.

**Bethany Rentoul, Principal**

### **CANCELLATIONS:**

- The Year 5-10 camp has been cancelled due to the additional Health and Safety and Alert Level requirements.
- Prizegiving will be a pre-recorded online event due to our inability to host everyone in a socially-distanced way.

### **Important Dates / Upcoming Events**

**5th Nov**—Year 1-8 Swimming

**30th Nov** - SC Athletics

**13th Dec** - Prizegiving will now be a pre-recorded online event.

**14th Dec** - Last day of Term 4

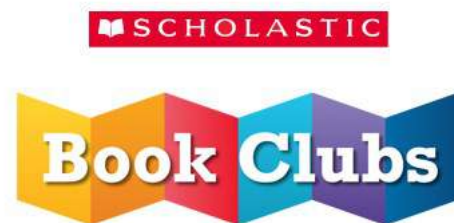
**3rd Feb**—Start Term 1

**7th Feb**—Waitangi Day observed  
(School closed)

**14th April**—Last day of term and  
Teacher Only Day (School closed)

## Lucky Book Club orders:

Please complete your on-line orders or hand your orders in to the office before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



## BASKETBALL DRAW

Monday 8th November - Years 3 & 4 Rural Aces -  
6 pm - Court 2 - Please be at the Stadium at  
5:40pm for a warm up.

Tuesday 9th November - Years 5 & 6 Rural Belles  
-  
5:10 pm - Court 1 - Please be at Stadium at 4:45  
for a warm up.

Rural Jaguars - Play at  
Timaru Boys Gym again  
this week.

5:45 pm - Please be  
there at 5:20 pm for  
warm up.

Many thanks for our  
wonderful coaches and  
bench duty people.



**Want to know how you could support learning at home? Go to the @home tab on our school's website for some ideas.**

## HEALTH CURRICULUM SURVEY

This week we sent out our Health Curriculum Survey. The indicators on the survey are in the new Relationships and Sexuality Education curriculum, produced by the Ministry of Education. It is the only curriculum where we have to consult with our school community about which parts of it we teach. We are hoping that parents will fill out the survey and show us what they believe should be taught at TCS and what shouldn't be taught. We will then be able to make sure only the things our school community want in the programme are actually covered. That is why having lots of parents contribute to the survey is so important. We will then design our programme which will be taught from a Christian worldview.

**Mums and Dads Coffee Group** has been continuing on most Fridays in Alert Level 2 thanks to the wonderful hospitality of some of our parents. If you would like to know where it is being held each week, email [principal@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:principal@timaruchristian.school.nz) so we can add you to the Messenger group.



## Procedure Review

This term we are reviewing the following procedures:  
HS5 Harrassment; LR1 Enrolment; LR2 Attendance;  
O1 Parent Helpers; O2 Uniform.

They can be found on our school's website. If you would like to share suggestions for changes, please forward your ideas to [principal@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:principal@timaruchristian.school.nz) by the 12th November.

# Year 9 and 10 Dairy Farm Experience — studying Agriculture in an authentic context



A big thanks to Mr Harrison to sharing his farm and knowledge with us all.



# MAHI TAHI—WORKING TOGETHER

The School Board is preparing to review what we are doing and want to do in the next few years.

Below are our school's Strategic Goals—having a biblically-embedded curriculum, strong community partnerships, and motivated, enthusiastic learning and discipleship. We have some ideas we developed last year listed in the table. If you have any suggestions for how we can do better in these three areas, please email them to [principal@timaruchristian.school.nz](mailto:principal@timaruchristian.school.nz) or speak to Bethany so they can be included in our discussions.

Strategic Plan 2021-2023		
	2022	2023
<p><b>Strategic Goal One:</b> To have a Biblically-embedded curriculum</p>	<p>Develop a shared understanding of the school's Statement of Faith, vision and values qualities and how they should be taught and evaluated across the school. The focus for this year will be <b>Learners (what it means to be a Christ-centred learner)</b></p> <p>Develop teaching staff's own understanding of Biblical concepts and their application to teaching and learning practices. The focus will be the <b>NZACS Leadership Conference.</b></p>	<p>Develop a shared understanding of the school's <b>Statement of Faith</b> and how it should be taught and evaluated across the school.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Goal Two:</b> To have strong community partnerships</p>	<p>Deepen partnerships with other local schools and ECEs through membership in the Kahui Ako</p> <p>Develop our understanding and implementation of the principles of the Treaty so they are further embedded into our curriculum. This year's focus will be on <b>Protection.</b></p> <p>Implement Learning Partnerships Programme (see Sabbatical Report)</p>	<p>Deepen partnerships with other local schools and ECEs through membership in the Kahui Ako</p> <p>Develop our understanding and implementation of the principle of <b>Whakawhanaungatanga</b> (relating in culturally appropriate ways)</p>
<p><b>Strategic Goal Three:</b> To have motivated, enthusiastic learning and discipleship</p>	<p>Consolidate a balanced approach between teacher-directed and student-led learning</p> <p>Deepen thinking skills and tools so that students are equipped to interpret, summarise, evaluate and utilise information</p> <p>Enhance Arts programmes through community input to increase opportunities for creativity</p> <p>Implement Learning Partnerships Programme (see Sabbatical Report)</p>	

## Supporting School Family Businesses



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### Compliance Partners

Compliance Partners delivers practical solutions that meet the requirements of current health and safety legislation and provides customised Health & Safety systems for your business which are easy to understand, use and implement.

We would like to assist Timaru Christian School parents to ensure their businesses are health and safety compliant.

We are offering all TCS parents a free 1-hour health and safety assessment of their business. Simply reference the school when you contact Marlene Battiss on 0272929716 or e-mail [marlene@cp.org.nz](mailto:marlene@cp.org.nz).



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